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1. [] Talked to Mr. John Boos, Assistant to Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.), who told me that the Chairman would not be in the office at all during the day and that he is unable to make an appointment for tomorrow until he talks to Representative Nedzi in the morning. It was agreed that I would call him in the midmorning to see if Mr. Nedzi might be available to meet with Mr. Maury and myself.

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2. [] I talked briefly with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he will not be available tomorrow to meet with Colonel White and Mr. Colby. He plans, at present, to be in the office only a few minutes probably on Monday and Wednesday, 27 and 29 December. Colonel White has been advised.

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3. [] Received a call from Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that he had had a rather lengthy meeting today with Mr. Victor M. Degtyar, of the Soviet Embassy, and asked if I could give him a little biographic background on the individual. After talking to [] SB Division, I gave him a brief sketch noting in particular that we have no evidence that the individual is an intelligence officer. Mr. Holt was most appreciative.

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4. [] Briefed Richard Perle, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, on the latest developments in Laos and Cambodia.

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5. [] Miss Baynard, in the office of Representative Earle Cabell (D., Tex.), called to ask if the appointment of the Director of Central Intelligence required congressional confirmation. I advised her that appointments to both the position of Deputy Director and Director were Presidential appointments requiring Senate confirmation. We talked about the Agency a bit and I offered to send her a copy of the pamphlet on the Agency which she said she would be pleased to receive.

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3. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him in detail on the military situation in Laos. Woodruff said that on the strength of Mr. Maury's briefing last Tuesday he advised Senators Ellender and Milton Young prior to their departure from Washington that the situation was very bad and could deteriorate completely in a matter of weeks.

Woodruff said he had also briefed Chairman Ellender on the Fecteau case. The Chairman expressed interest and compassion for Fecteau and asked Woodruff about his physical and mental condition. I have given Woodruff a rundown on this so that he can report back when the Chairman returns from his trip.

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4. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and briefed him in detail on the military situation in Laos and indicated that we were anxious for Chairman Stennis to be fully informed. Braswell said he had briefed the Chairman prior to his departure to Mississippi and would be talking with him again shortly and would bring him up-to-date at that time.

I made arrangements with Braswell for him to meet with Colonel White, Mr. Colby, Mr. Maury and myself for lunch tomorrow.

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5. [] Talked with [] WH Division, about the requests made by J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, for []

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